

1 its feet on the budget, this was necessarily not a desirable
2 thing, so the Committee decided to introduce this present
3 provision, that says, in effect, that if the General
4 Assembly hasn't acted within a certain period of time,
5 the time specified in here, if they haven't acted and
6 brought the budget bill out and passed it in some form,
7 any form they want, then it automatically becomes law.

8 This, as I said, is consistent with the judg-
9 ment of this Commission on the reapportionment section,
10 which we have already passed, and there as you all recall,
11 we have somewhat a similar thing, where the plan is not
12 acted upon within a certain period of time, it becomes
13 law.

14 Now, this provision required some refinements,
15 which I will discuss when I come to it, but you will re-
16 call that the Governor is given the right to supplement
17 the budget, correct oversights, supply omissions, et
18 cetera. It was felt that in view of the fact that the
19 budget bill could become law by inaction, that it would
20 be wrong to permit the same thing to happen to a supple-
21 ment, which might go down from the Governor's office the